

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2018-2019 #4)

Item #1: Statesman and Advanced Statesman Study Guides

Be sure to share the Statesman and Advanced Statesman Award study guides with students planning to attend the 2018 Fall Leadership Conference. Study guides (**revised for 2018**) are available on the state association website:

http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html

Item #2: FLC Conference At a Glance

Visit the state website to access the 2018 Fall Leadership Conference “Maryland FLC-At-a-Glance” promotional handout. Share this with students, administrators and

parents: http://mdskillsusa.org/fall_conference.html

Item #3: 2019 Contest Technical Standards and Past National Projects

Be sure to share this important contest information with all students/instructors interested and planning to participate in SkillsUSA local, regional, state and national competitions this year. This information is available to all SkillsUSA Professional members (paid) via the SkillsUSA national website. Select “Join” at the top of the home

page: <http://www.skillsusa.org/>

Online information includes:

Contest Descriptions – 2019 Technical Standards - listed alphabetically by contest name according to the following three categories, (1) Leadership Development, (2) Occupationally Related, and (3) Skilled and Technical Science.

National Contest Projects – Sixty-two (62) national contest projects presented to students at previous national conferences (NLSC) are available via the SkillsUSA website (same location as Contest Descriptions).

Important: past national contest projects are not made available for all SkillsUSA competitions.

Contest Score Cards – MS Excel spread sheets are used for scoring competition performance. The “Score Card” is used by national contest chairs (and must be edited/modified for local/regional/state competitions) to record final contest scores. Important: score cards contain “Items Evaluated” (contest components) that may not be offered/included in local/regional/state contests due to time constraints or equipment availability. Regardless, preparing students for all listed contest components is strongly advised. Past score cards (2016 and 2017) are available on the national SkillsUSA website: <https://www.skillsusa.org/?s=score+cards>

Item #4: SkillsUSA Maryland Board Chair Needs Your Votes!

The following message is from Rick Stephens, Chair, Board of Directors, SkillsUSA Maryland:

“I need your help. My welding program produced a video for a Channel Lock tools contest and we are in the top 3 in the nation. The voting takes place on Channel Lock’s Facebook starting today through October 20th. The information is attached to this update. Please go to the Channel Lock Facebook page and vote and share the information for Worcester Tech. Thank you!”

Item #5: Help is Only a Call, Email or Chat Away!

Everyone needs a little help now and then. Let the SkillsUSA Membership Hotline operators help you solve your problems. Hotline operators are ready to answer your questions on how to start a new chapter, engage chapter members and strengthen an existing chapter. Operators are on call from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Eastern) Tuesday and Thursday. Call the hotline toll free: 844-875-4557.

Don’t have time to call? Send the operators an email at operators@skillsusa.org or chat with them online at the membership registration site.

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